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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 53080
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Application No.: 10/808,615	:	Group Art Unit: 2622
Filed: March 25, 2004	:	Examiner: Kent F. Wang
For: IMAGING DEVICE THAT PREVENTS LOSS OF SHADOW DETAIL	:	

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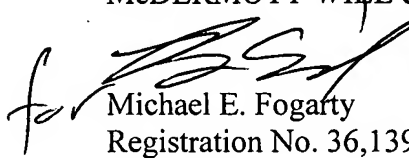
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